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The Secretary,
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Dear Sir,

Dr. G.B. Pierce of Denver, Colorado, recently a visiting professor in my Department, suggested that I might write to you to request application forms for a project grant under your research support scheme.

Dr. Derek McCormick, a senior Faculty member in my Department, is studying mechanisms of tumour invasion and metastasis. During the last few years, he has developed broad cell-biological and biochemical expertise in this field through his work on human glioma cell lines. He is at present working for a year at the Sir William Dunn School of Pathology, at Oxford, with Dr. Sidebottom, establishing potentially fruitful collaborative links for the future.

On his return to Belfast in September 1987, Dr. McCormick hopes to establish a dedicated "invasion and metasis" laboratory. His existing cell culture facilities are currently being upgraded and I anticipate that additional laboratory space will become available for the further development of his tumour work. The Department already possesses expertise in complementary areas which will be relevant to this work; there is a highly professional electron microscope facility, with extensive commitments in human tumour diagnosis, and there is a laboratory for gene probe technology in tissue research.

Dr. McCormick's prime need on his return will be for support staff and consumables to develop his research programme. An application for funding would relate principally to this need.

I would be grateful if you would let me have the appropriate forms of application, along with any available guidelines on the Council's policy on research funding. By what dates are applications for funding to be received in the current year?

Yours faithfully

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